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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Since these dhatura seeds were found even in unopened stocks, our inference is that the mixing of the dhatura seeds was done in Australia and we have taken up this matter with the Australian Government."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" The Hon. Minister for Food while answering questions referred ' Songu Cholam ' as ' Sorghum '. May I know whether it is called so because it helps the consumer during the period of giddiness to realise the dream of attaining ' the much coveted swargam '? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The word ' swargam ' and the word ' cholam ' are intimately connected."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Government examine the foodstuffs imported from foreign countries as to whether they are injurious or not before releasing them for public consumption? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is the only instance we have come across. Certainly we will be more careful in future."

Sri Balakrishna Lalji temple, Kozhikode.

* 394 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state whether any complaint has been received from Kozhikode that Sri Balakrishna Lalji Temple has not been thrown open to Harijans ; and if so, what action has been taken by the Government and when the complaint was received?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" In November 1948, a complaint was received from the Secretary of the Malabar Harijan Sevak Sangh that Sri Balakrishna Laljee Temple, Kozhikode, had not been thrown open to Harijans. It is the subject-matter of a suit in the High Court, Madras, by the trustee of the temple."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the matter is said to be *sub judice* I pass on to the next question."

Extension of the Kattiampalli-Pavannur road to Irikkoor.

* 395 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for dropping the original plan of extending the Kattiampalli-Pavannur road to Irikkoor via Chedicherry; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any scheme to repair the abovementioned road?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) There is a village road from Kattiampalli up to Mayyil only which is being maintained by the Malabar District Board. There is a track from Mayyil to Pavannur and on to Irrikkoor via Chedicherry which is an unmaintained earthen road. There is no proposal to take up the said track for maintenance by the Malabar District Board.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has committed some error in his answer to my question. There is already a road from Mayyil up to Pavannur constructed by the District Board. My question is why the original plan of extending the Kattiampalli-Pavannur road to Irikkoor has been given up and the alignment changed? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" I am only giving the answer prepared by the Special Officer of the District Board. It is not clear how the hon. Member was saying that the District Board was maintaining the road."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I belong to the area concerned and I know the place. I know everything there. I know there is the road from Kattiampalli to Pavannur? " 9-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" I have already stated that there is an earthen road, but it is not maintained by the District Board."

X-ray plant for the Government Hospital, Cannanore.

* 396 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to instal an X-ray plant in the Government Hospital, Cannanore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that even the members of the profession have to go to Kozhikode for X-ray examination from Cannanore and Payyanur, and that it is very difficult for patients to go to Kozhikode from Cannanore, will the Government be pleased to instal an X-ray plant in the Cannanore hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have set up X-ray apparatus for diagnostic work in City hospitals, District Headquarters Hospitals, and Tuberculosis sanatoria and clinics. On account of the lack of sufficient number of people trained in this work and also on account of the large sums required for buying X-ray apparatus, we have not yet installed X-ray diagnostic units in taluk headquarters hospitals except in about three places."